

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request entry of the Amendment and reconsideration of the claims. Applicants have amended claim 6. Claim 22 is currently amended and withdrawn. Support for these amendments can be found throughout the specification, including at page 9, lines 22-29 and at page 10, lines 1-11. No new matter has been added through the amendments.

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the pending rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph

The Examiner rejects claims 6, 8-17, 21, 23-25 and 29-31 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, for allegedly failing to comply with the written description requirement. Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection.

Although Applicants believe the Examiner is saying the same thing as the previous argument, Applicants have amended claim 6 to recite the Examiner's suggested claim structure.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph.

Rejoinder Under MPEP 821.04

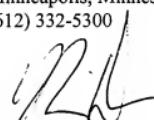
Applicants request rejoinder of claims 7, 18, 22, 29 and 30 for search and examination of the non-elected species upon allowability of the generic claim in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.104.

Summary

In view of the above amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully requests a Notice of Allowance. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would advance the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,

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